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the MUMMY'S EVIL EYES
PROFESSOR ADKINS OF THE SMITHSON MUSEUM GETS A LONG AWAITED PACKAGE...
HA, AT LAST! MUST BE THE PACKAGE FROM JONES IN CAIRO! THE GREATEST (CHUCKLE) - FIND IN YEARS!
UGH! I REMEMBER YOU TELLING ME ABOUT IT, PROFESSOR! I WISH I COULD SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM!
HA! HA! YOU MUSTN'T BE SO SQUEAMISH, SANDRA! AS SECRETARY TO AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, YOU MUST GET USED TO THESE THINGS!
I'LL NEVER GET USED TO IT! HORRIBLE, MOULDY OLD THINGS!
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IT DEPENDS ON YOUR VIEWPOINT, MY DEAR! TO ME THOSE EYES ARE A THING OF BEAUTY!
THEY'RE HORRIBLE! AND I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF THAT CRAZY OLD LEGEND!

TOO BAD, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE! THOSE EYES HAVE SEEN HISTORY MADE!
T-THERE IS A FASCINATION ABOUT THEM! SOMEHOW I WANT TO TOUCH THEM!

HOLD THEM, MY DEAR, THEY CAN'T HURT YOU!
THEY FEEL WARM AND SLIMY!

SUDDENLY...
YIEEEEE- THEY MOVED!
SANDRA, BE CAREFUL! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THOSE EYES NOW...

I'LL JUST PUT THEM IN HERE! THOSE EYES ARE WORTH A MILLION! TOMORROW WE'LL ANNOUNCE WE HAVE FOUND THE EYES OF AKBAR!
ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR! I'LL WAIT FOR BOB WHO IS TAKING ME TO DINNER!

LATER...
THE STORY THE PROFESSOR TOLD... SUCH RUBBISH! HOW COULD THE EYES OF A PRIEST DEAD OVER FIVE THOUSAND YEARS, STAY ALIVE? B-BUT IT DID FEEL LIKE THEY MOVED!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN THE DARK MUMMY ROOM OF THE MUSEUM...
I-AKBAR-WANT MY EYES! I KNOW THEY ARE CLOSE!

AT LAST I'LL HAVE MY EYES AGAIN! THE EYES THAT HAVE SEEN AND KNOW EVERYTHING!

HAAA- I'M FREE! NOW TO GET MY EYES!

THE DEAD THING ATTRACTED BY THE LIGHT STOMPS DOWN THE LONG CORRIDOR SEEKING-SEEKING...
THEY CAN'T FOOL ME! I TOLD THEM THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD GET MY EYES BACK! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA...

IN THE LONELY OFFICE SANDRA ADAMS SENSES SOMETHING WRONG...

AND THEN...
I AM AKBAR! I WANT MY EYES!
EEEEIEE!

THE TERRIFIED GIRL DASHES PAST THE BLIND STUMBLING HORROR...
FOOL! I CARE NOTHING FOR YOU! I ONLY WANT MY EYES!
EEYIEE HELP! GUARD!

MEANTIME, BOB MORRIS, SANDRA'S BOY FRIEND HAS JUST ENTERED THE MUSEUM...
EVENING, MR. MORRIS! I THINK YOUR GIRL IS WAITING IN THE PROFESSOR'S OFFICE!
THANKS, TOM! HEY, DID YOU HEAR SOMEONE SCREAM?

GREAT SCOT! THAT'S SANDRA! WE'RE COMING, DARLING!

A MOMENT LATER...
OHH-BOB! IN T-THERE! THE MUMMY-H-HORRIBLE!
DARLING, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HUH-DID YOU SAY MUMMY, MISS ADAMS?

THEY ARM THEMSELVES WITH THE FIRST THING AT HAND, AND...
IF SHE SAID THERE WAS A MUMMY IN HERE, THERE WAS!
I TELL YOU I SAW IT! IT WAS AFTER THE EYES!

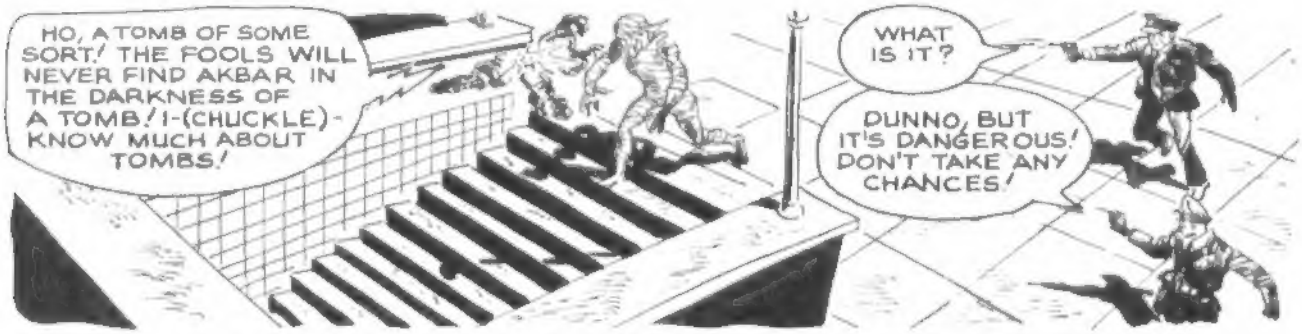
THERE WAS SOMETHING HERE! WOW! LOOK AT THAT SAFE! RIPPED OPEN LIKE IT WAS MADE OF PAPER!
NOTHING HUMAN COULD HAVE DONE THAT!

THE EYES! THEY'RE GONE! SO IT REALLY DID WANT THE EYES!
EYES? AKBAR? MAYBE YOU'D BETTER TELL ME ABOUT IT, HONEY!
YEAH! AND MAYBE I BETTER CALL THE COPS!

BUT EVEN THEN!
AHHH! AKBAR CAN SEE! THE ANCIENT PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED!

OUT OF AKBARS WAY... I WILL KILL ANY WHO INTERFERE! STAND ASIDE!
EEEEEE

A STARTLED POLICEMAN SUMMONS HELP!


HO, A TOMB OF SOME SORT! THE FOOLS WILL NEVER FIND AKBAR IN THE DARKNESS OF A TOMB! I-(CHUCKLE)-KNOW MUCH ABOUT TOMBS!
WHAT IS IT?
DUNNO, BUT IT'S DANGEROUS! DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

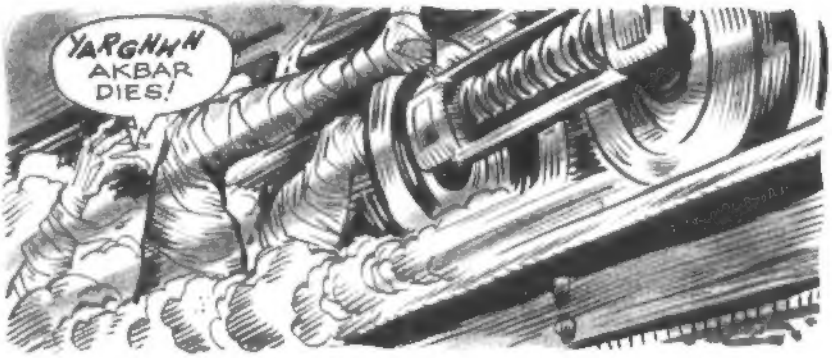
HEY, YOU...
I AM AKBAR, FOOL! GUARD YOUR TOMB ENTRANCE, BUT DO NOT TRY TO STOP ME! I AM A HIGH PRIEST!

SUDDENLY THE GROTESQUE THING SLIPS AND FALLS...
EEEEYAA! I FALL! MY EYES - GONE AGAIN! MY EYES!

MY EYES! SOMEONE HELP ME FIND MY EYES! YAAAAA AGAIN I AM BLIND!

THE BLINDED MUMMY EDGES TOWARD THE BRINK OF THE PLATFORM...
WHERE ARE ALL THE PRIESTS OF THIS TOMB? IS THERE NOBODY TO HELP AKBAR?! I DEMAND MY EYES!

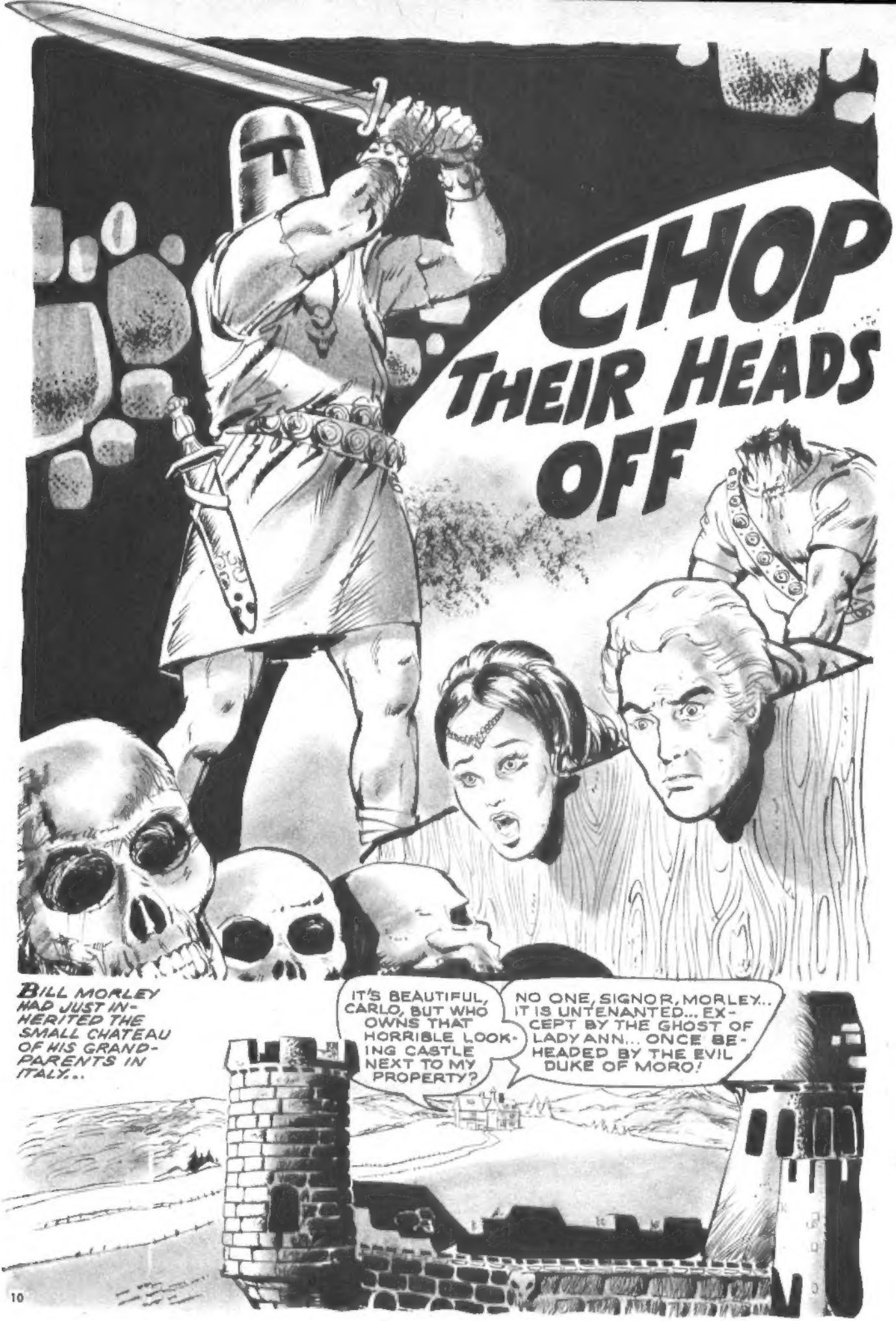
YEEIIIE! AKBAR FALLS!


YARGHHH AKBAR DIES!

A LITTLE LATER...
HOW HORRIBLE... THAT THING AND ITS GREEN EYES!
FORGET IT, HONEY, IT'S ALL OVER NOW! BUT I WONDER WHERE THE EYES ARE? THE PROFESSOR WON'T BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS!

MUCH LATER...
SORRY, WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE EYES!
WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE THE PROFESSOR THE BAD NEWS!
YES, THE EYES OF AKBAR ARE LOST AGAIN!

LOST? NO! SOMEWHERE THE EYES ARE ALIVE, WAITING, SEEING, KNOWING!
...AND SOMEDAY A MUMMY, A THING OF DRY LEATHERY FLESH, AND BRITTLE, YELLOW BONE, SEWN TOGETHER A THING WITH RAW GAPING HOLES IN A CRUSHED SKULL, WILL AGAIN GO LOOKING FOR THE EYES OF AKBAR...
THE END


CHOP THEIR HEADS OFF
BILL MORLEY HAD JUST INHERITED THE SMALL CHATEAU OF HIS GRANDPARENTS IN ITALY...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL, CARLO, BUT WHO OWNS THAT HORRIBLE LOOKING CASTLE NEXT TO MY PROPERTY?
NO ONE, SIGNOR, MORLEY... IT IS UNTENANTED... EXCEPT BY THE GHOST OF LADY ANN... ONCE BEHEADED BY THE EVIL DUKE OF MORO!

LATER THAT NIGHT...
WHO-WHO'S CALLING ME? MOTHER... IS IS THAT YOU? I. MPFF..

SLEEP.. YOUR INNER MIND SHALL BE OPEN TO ME! LISTEN... LISTEN TO MY PLEA!

THE VOICE PENETRATED BILL'S SUBCONSCIOUS...HE FOUND HIMSELF GLIDING AFTER A GIRL IN WHITE TOWARDS THE OMINOUS MORO CASTLE.
HASTEN QUICKLY! HE HAS CALLED AND I MUST OBEY!

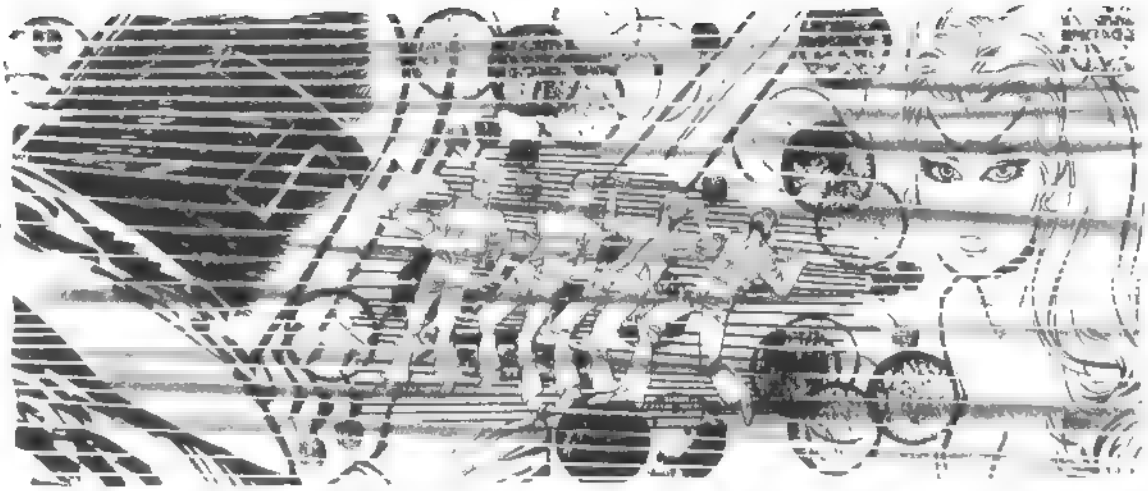
AH... SO YOU HAVE AGAIN KEPT YOUR VOW! TAKE HER, DOGS! BRING HER TO ME SO THAT I MAY WRACK MY EVIL UPON HER! SEIZE HER COMPANION AS WELL!
N-NO! WHAT IS THIS? WHERE AM I?

SPARE US, OH MIGHTY GUARDIAN! DO NOT REPEAT YOUR EVIL DEED AGAIN!
THIS IS CRAZY! LET US UP! HELP!

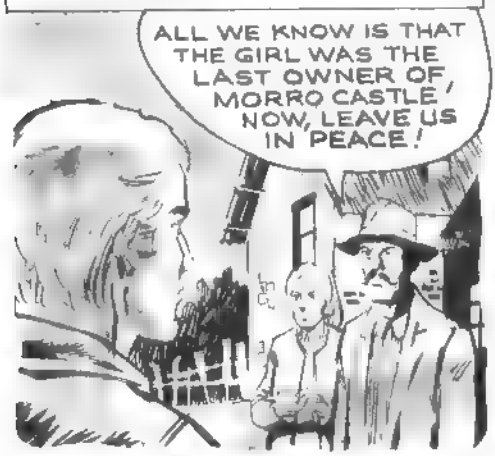
YOUR FRIGHTENED SHRIEKS CANNOT MOVE ME! I AM THE OPPOSITE OF LIFE! HA! HA!
HAG

NO! LET ME UP! I'LL.. WHERE AM I? OHH... I'VE HAD A HORRIBLE DREAM! BUT IT WAS SO REAL...

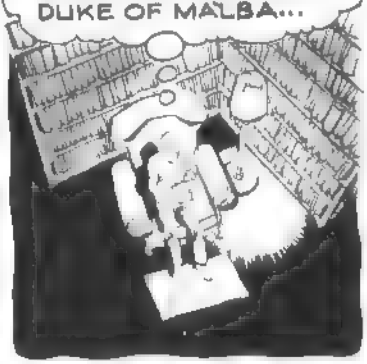
EACH DAY THE DREAM RECURRED. AND EACH TIME HE FOUGHT TO FORGET IT... BUT IT WAS GROWING STEADILY WORSE!



UNABLE TO REST, THE YOUNG AMERICAN QUESTIONED THE FRIGHTENED VILLAGERS ABOUT THE DREAM...



THEN MORELY EXAMINED THE RECORDS IN THE ANCIENT LIBRARY!



THAT NIGHT BILL AND AN OLD VILLAGER ENTERED THE BLACK FOREBODING CASTLE...

BILL MORELY WAS NOT CRAZY IN THE WAY THE OLD VILLAGER THOUGHT HE HAD A FANTASTIC PLAN TO AID THE BEAUTIFUL APPARITION, FOR HE WAS HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH HER. THAT NEXT NIGHT...

BILL MORELY... YOU HAVE LEARNED ALL... AND NOW YOU ARE AWAKE!

YES, LADY ANN... I KNOW WHO YOU ARE... BUT WHAT MUST I DO?

FOLLOW ME, MORTAL! IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU MUST BY DAWN... OTHERWISE ALL IS LOST AND I SHALL BE DOOMED TO WANDER IN THIS WORLD FOR ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS!

WE'RE GOING INTO THE SAME COURTYARD I REMEMBER IN MY DREAMS!

SUDDENLY EVERYTHING WENT HAZY AND WHEN IT CLEARED...

WHA. I'M CLOTHED AS A KNIGHT.. WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

A GHOSTLY LACKEY STEPPED FORTH AND HANDED HIM THE REINS TO A MAGNIFICENT WHITE STALLION!

WE ALL AWAIT DELIVERANCE! YOU MUST FIGHT!

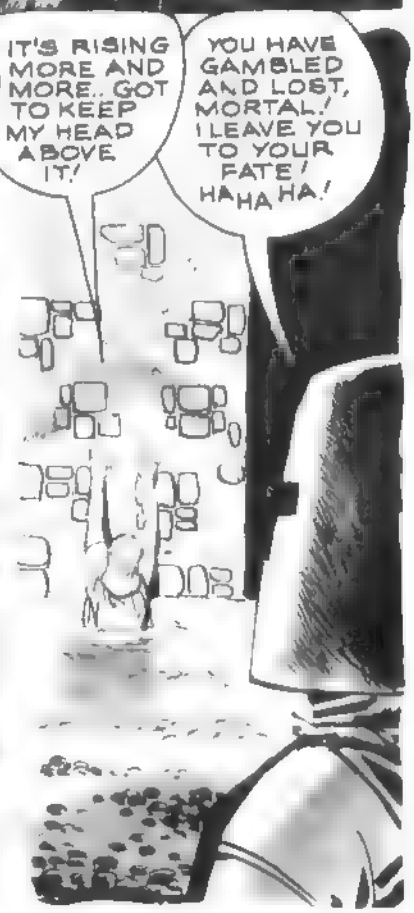
IT'S THE GIANT WITH THE BLOODY SWORD!

HE'S COMING TOWARDS ME WITH THAT BARBED LANCE OF HIS! HE'S GETTING CLOSER... CLOSER..

CRAC

PAST SLIMY WALLS AND FLICKERING TORCHES HE SPED... UNTIL HE ENTERED A VAST UNDER-GROUND CAVERN...

BILL MORELY WAS SOON TO FIND OUT... FOR THE MINUTE HE TOUCHED THE GROUND OF THE CAVERN...



THE MYSTERIOUS FLUID BUBBLED UP TOWARDS HIS EYES. IN ANOTHER SECOND IT WOULD BE OVER, BUT...
TAKE MY HAND! I CAN SAVE YOU, FOR ONLY THE DOOMED HAVE POWER OVER THE PIT OF DEATH!
I'D LIKE A FEW EXPLANATIONS OF THESE WEIRD INCIDENTS!
THERE IS NO TIME... LOOK! THE SLAVES OF THE MIGHTY ONE APPROACH!
THE HEADLESS KNIGHTS! WHO ARE THEY? WHAT IS ALL THIS?
RUN! FLEE FROM THEM!
MORELY, HOWEVER, DIDN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT! TUGGING AT THE SLENDER FORM BEHIND HIM, HE PULLED HER INTO THE DARKEST RECESSES...
OH! THEY CANNOT BE TRICKED!
THAT PILE OF SKULLS! NOW... I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND!
QUICKLY SUBDUED, THE PAIR WERE LED BEFORE THE GIANT BLACK-COWLED FIGURE!
BRING THEM TO ME... AND BE GONE! THEIR HOUR OF DEATH IS AT HAND!
LET GO! DON'T YOU DARE HARM HER!
ONE OF THE HEADLESS SLAVES RELEASED MORELY WHO DREW HIS SWORD AND CHARGED THE FIGURE IN BLACK!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THE SAME EVIL ACT UPON LADY ANN AGAIN!
FOOL! SHE MUST PLAY OUT HER PART FOR ETERNITY AS MUST I!

THE SOUNDS OF THAT TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE REVERBERATED THROUGHOUT THE HALLS OF THE CASTLE... THEN BILL MADE HIS MOVE...
BACK TO WHATEVER HELL YOU CAME FROM, MONSTER! THIS IS THE TALISMAN THAT WILL DAMN YOU!
AN OLIVE BRANCH! DO NOT HOLD IT BEFORE MY GAZE! NO! NO!
I THOUGHT SO! YOU'RE THE BLACK DUKE OF MALBA... THE EVIL WRETCH THAT PUT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS CASTLE TO THE SWORD!
FOOL! FOOL! DO NOT UNCLOAK ME!
I AM DEATH!! THE SOUL OF THE EVIL MALBA RESIDES WITHIN ME IN COMPOSITE WITH OTHER SINNERS! THE HEADLESS ONES WERE THOSE HE CONQUERED TO SERVE HIM AS HE MUST SERVE ME! GO NOW... AND FORGET! THE CURSE OF MORO CASTLE IS OVER!
YOU SHALL FORGET IN TIME! FAREWELL BILL MORELEY...!
A BLINDING FLASH... THEN BLACKNESS! AND WHEN BILL MORELY AWOKE HE WAS OUTSIDE MORO CASTLE, HIS FACE CRADLED IN A VERY BEAUTIFUL GIRLS LAP!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED? WHO ARE YOU?
I WAS DRIVING TO THE CASTLE WHEN I SAW YOU LYING HERE IN DELIRIUM! ARE YOU HURT?
N-NO! I MUST HAVE HAD A NIGHTMARE AND WALKED HERE! BUT... YOUR FACE. IT'S THAT OF LADY ANN!
LADY ANN HAPPENS TO BE MY ANCESTOR! I'M LINDA POLERA, THE NEW OWNER OF THIS CASTLE...
I'M YOUR NEIGHBOR ACROSS THE WAY! I'M SURE WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF EACH OTHER!
THE END

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THE SPIDER

MATT TAYLOR, HEAD OF A MUSEUM EXPEDITION EXPLORING NEAR THE ANCIENT PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT, DOES A FOOLISH AND CARELESS THING IN HIS EXCITEMENT OVER A NEW FIND...
SAY, THIS IS LUCK! THERE SHOULD BE A STONE LEVER IN THIS NICHE - AH, THERE IT IS! NOW IF ONLY IT ISN'T JAMMED, IT SHOULD OPEN THE MAIN DOOR TO THE CRYPT!
A FURIOUS STAB OF PAIN...
AHHHH- A TEMPLE SPIDER BIT ME, AND THEIR BITES ARE ALWAYS FATAL!

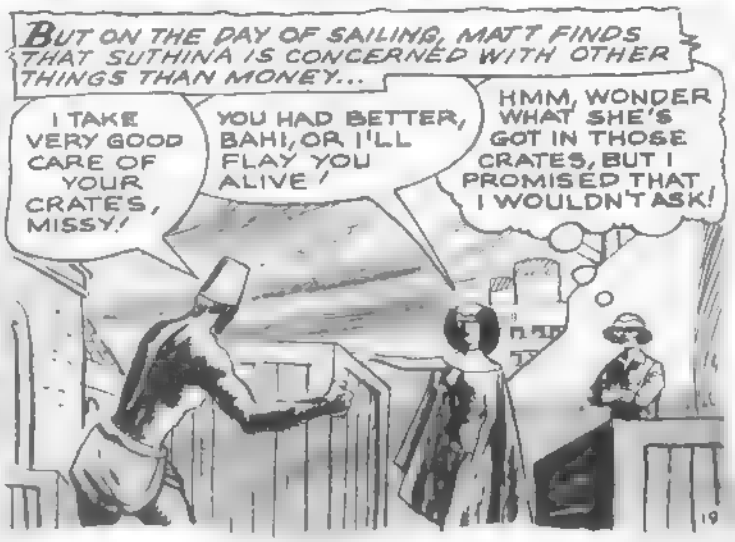
LATER, AS TAYLOR LIES DYING...
NO SERUM WILL WORK AGAINST THE BITE OF A TEMPLE SPIDER! THE POOR DEVIL IS DONE FOR!
A ROTTEN SHAME TOO! HE HAD A BRILLIANT FUTURE BEFORE HIM!

SUDDENLY
YOU DESPAIR TOO SOON, GENTLEMEN! I THINK I CAN SAVE YOUR FRIEND!
HUH! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP?

NEVER MIND HOW I SHALL DO IT- BUT I WILL! YOUR FRIEND WILL BE COMPLETELY RECOVERED IN A DAY OR TWO!

SURE ENOUGH A FEW DAYS LATER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, SUTHINA, BUT YOU SAVED MY LIFE! YOU SEEM TO KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THIS COUNTRY AND MY PROFESSION I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A JOB...
ONLY IF IT MEAN I CAN LEAVE THIS PLACE FOR A TIME!

SO THEY STRIKE A BARGAIN...
I WILL RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY AND WORK WITH YOU, BUT I MUST MAKE CERTAIN CONDITIONS!
CONDITIONS, EH? I DON'T THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY MONEY PROBLEMS, SUTHINA! WE CAN GET TOGETHER!


BUT ON THE DAY OF SAILING, MATT FINDS THAT SUTHINA IS CONCERNED WITH OTHER THINGS THAN MONEY...
I TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF YOUR CRATES, MISSY!
YOU HAD BETTER, BAH!, OR I'LL FLAY YOU ALIVE!
HMM, WONDER WHAT SHE'S GOT IN THOSE CRATES, BUT I PROMISED THAT I WOULDN'T ASK!

THE TRIP HOME IS UNEVENTFUL...
NOW, SUTHINA, YOU MUSTN'T MIND IF MY WIFE SEEMS A LITTLE CURT AT TIMES!
HA HA! SHE NEED HAVE NO FEAR! I AM NOT INTERESTED IN YOU IN THAT WAY, MATT!

THE TWO WOMEN DISLIKE EACH OTHER IMMEDIATELY...
THIS IS SUTHINA, MOLLY! SHE IS GOING TO HELP ME IN THE LAB, AND SHE'LL BE STAYING HERE!
HOW DO YOU DO, MRS TAYLOR!
HELLO! IF MATT WANTS YOU TO STAY, I'M SURE THERE'S A GOOD REASON!

LATER...
I WANT TO TRY A NEW RESTORER ON THESE MANUSCRIPTS!
YES, BUT I MUST SEE IF MY FIRST CRATES HAVE ARRIVED!

TROUBLE BEGINS!
I INSIST THAT MY CRATES BE STORED IN MY ROOM!
YOU CAN'T UPSET MY HOUSE WITH THESE HORRIBLE CRATES!
NOW, MOLLY, I PROMISED SUTHINA!

BUT SUTHINA WINS, AND ONE DAY NOT LONG AFTERWARDS!
EEEEEEKKE!
A HORRIBLE BLACK SPIDER IN MY HOUSE! I'LL KILL IT!

SUTHINA RUSHES IN!
FOOL! LEAVE IT ALONE! HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ANYTHING OF MINE!
Y-YOURS? THE SPIDER IS YOURS? OWWWW!

YES, MINE! IT IS A PET! NEVER TOUCH IT AGAIN! UNDERSTAND!
YOU'RE INSANE! I'LL SEE THAT YOU LEAVE THIS HOUSE AT ONCE!

UNNERVED BY THE SCENE WITH SUTHINA, MOLLY TAYLOR GOES TO HER ROOM TO SULK
HOW I HATE THAT WOMAN! SHE MUST GET OUT AT ONCE! SPIDERS, UGH! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HER...

SUDDENLY!
OH-SPIDERS! SO M-MANY OF THEM COMING INTO MY ROOM! AFTER ME! B-BUT WHERE COULD THEY HAVE COME FROM? EEEEEEEEKKK!

M-MORE OF THEM! HUNDREDS! I C-CAN'T GET TO THE D-DOOR! THEY'VE GOT ME TRAPPED! YAAAAAAAGHH!

AFTER THE TERRIBLE SCREAMS FADE AWAY, THE DOOR SOFTLY OPENS, AND THERE IS SUTHINA...
SO, MY PETS, YOU HAVE HAD YOUR MEAL! SOON I WILL HAVE MINE! BUT WE MUST NOT LET OUR UNSUSPECTING MATT FIND US LIKE THIS!

SO WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TIDY UP A BIT! HA, YOU DIDN'T LEAVE MUCH OF HER, DID YOU?

YOU CAN'T EAT BONES, MY PETS, BUT FIRE CAN! NOT A TRACE OF MRS. TAYLOR WILL BE LEFT!

THAT NIGHT WHEN MATT COMES HOME HE DETECTS A STRANGE ODOR IN THE HOUSE...
MOLLY? SUTHINA? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE... SOMETHING BURNING IN THE FURNACE?
THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THIS SMELL! I KNOW! LIKE THE BURNING GHATS BY THE INDUS RIVER - SCORCHED BONES!
TAYLOR RAKES OUT THE FURNACE AND GETS THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE!
MY HEAVEN! A HUMAN SKULL FRESHLY BURNED! BUT WHO - AND WHY?
FRANTICALLY HE DASHES UPSTAIRS...
MOLLY? WHERE ARE YOU? SHE'S NOT IN HER ROOM, BUT THAT CAN'T BE HER SKULL! IT JUST CAN'T BE! BUT WHERE IS SHE? AND WHERE IS SUTHINA?
MOLLY! SUTHINA!
YOU CALLED ME, MATT?
I SURE DID! WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? WHAT'S THAT SKULL DOING IN THE FURNACE? WHERE'S MOLLY?
I'M GOING TO SEARCH YOUR ROOM, SUTHINA! YOU'RE ACTING VERY STRANGELY! IF YOU'VE DONE ANYTHING TO MY WIFE...
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HER, BUT BY ALL MEANS, ENTER!
GAAAA! A WEB! I'M CAUGHT!
YES, YOU ARE CAUGHT! TRAPPED IN MY WEB, YOU POOR FOOL! I ALWAYS INTENDED THIS FATE FOR YOU! HA HA HA!

GREAT GODFREY, SUTHINIA! W-WHAT IS THIS? WHAT ARE YOU? WHY DID YOU MURDER MOLLY?
I, FOOL WHO IS ABOUT TO DIE, AM QUEEN OF THE TEMPLE SPIDERS!

I SAVED YOUR LIFE ONCE BECAUSE MY VENOM WAS STRONGER THAN THAT OF THE SPIDER THAT BIT YOU! YOU HAVE MADE ME SAFE! MY ENEMIES WILL NEVER FIND ME IN AMERICA!
AAAAAAA

MY SUBJECTS, THOUSANDS OF TEMPLE SPIDERS, WERE IN THOSE CRATES! THEY ATE YOUR WIFE, BUT I WILL EAT YOU!

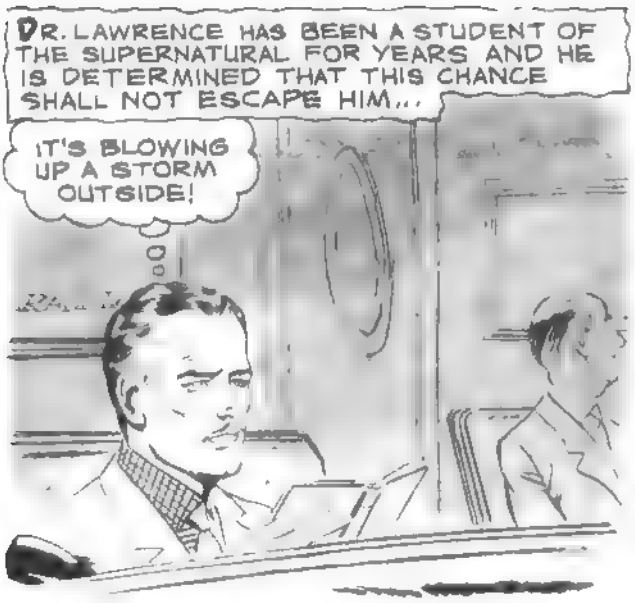
SOMETIME LATER OUTSIDE THE SINISTER HOUSE...
REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING, AND YOU'LL MAKE YOUR FIRST SALE! THE LITTLE MARVEL NEVER MISSES!
I'LL TRY! I SURE WANT TO MAKE GOOD!

SO... GOOD AFTERNOON, MA'M! MY NAME IS FLY, CHRIS FLY! NOW I HAVE HERE...
YOUR NAME IS WHAT - FLY! DO COME IN! STEP RIGHT INTO MY HOUSE!

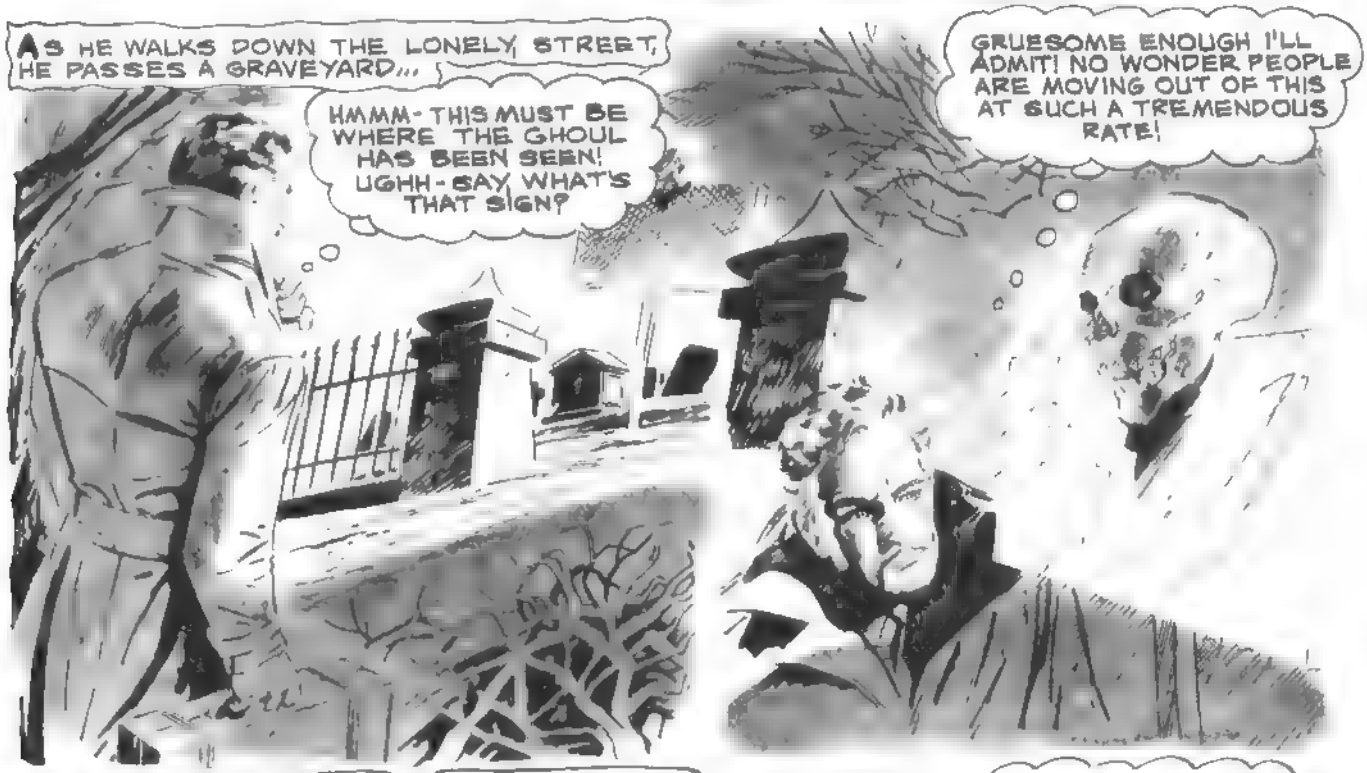
HIS NAME IS FLY! OH, NO! THIS IS TOO GOOD! HIS NAME IS HA HA HO HO HEE-FLY! AND HE'S COMING INTO MY PARLOR!
GEE, KIND OF A FUNNY DAME!
THE END

IT WASN'T HUMAN—OR WAS IT? THIS CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, THIS HORROR ESCAPED FROM A NIGHTMARE THAT PROWLED AMID THE DARK TOMBS, ITS FANGS READY TO RIP AND TEAR ANYTHING THAT STOOD IN ITS PATH! DOCTOR TED LAWRENCE WANTED TO FIND OUT THE ANSWERS, SO HE WENT TO A FRIGHTENED TOWN AND TO SEEK OUT

THE GHOUL


DR. LAWRENCE HAS BEEN A STUDENT OF THE SUPERNATURAL FOR YEARS AND HE IS DETERMINED THAT THIS CHANCE SHALL NOT ESCAPE HIM...
IT'S BLOWING UP A STORM OUTSIDE!

LATER AT BANBURY...
WHEW, WHAT A STORM! DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A SOUL AROUND, EITHER! NOW, WHERE DO I SPEND THE NIGHT?


AS HE WALKS DOWN THE LONELY STREET, HE PASSES A GRAVEYARD...
HMMM- THIS MUST BE WHERE THE GHOUL HAS BEEN SEEN! UGHH- SAY WHAT'S THAT SIGN?
GRUESOME ENOUGH I'LL ADMIT! NO WONDER PEOPLE ARE MOVING OUT OF THIS AT SUCH A TREMENDOUS RATE!

HE FINDS A HOUSE NEARBY...
SURE, MISTER, I'LL RENT YOU A ROOM! YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GHOUL I SUPPOSE?
YES, I KNOW! THAT'S WHY I'M HERE! NOW IF I MAY SEE THE ROOM, PLEASE!

THE NEXT NIGHT HE GOES THE GRAVEYARD...
WELL, HERE'S WHERE I SEE FOR MYSELF! I SURE HOPE IT'S THE GHOUL'S NIGHT TO WALK!

SUDDENLY...
HEY, SOMEONE OR SOMETHING, OVER THERE BY THAT GRAVE! IT C-CAN'T BE ANYTHING BUT THE GHOUL!
HE SEES A HORRIBLE, DROOLING MONSTER PAWING FEVERISHLY AT A FRESH GRAVE...
IT IS THE GHOUL TRYING TO OPEN THAT GRAVE!
UGHH-NNNN-HUHHHHHH-
THOSE SOUNDS IT SEEMS ALMOST LIKE IT'S CRYING!
SUDDENLY...
OH-OH! IT HEARD ME I'VE FRIGHTENED IT AWAY FROM THE GRAVE!
UHHHHH-
SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE TIMIDITY OF THE GHOUL, THE MAN BEGINS THE CHASE...
COME BACK, YOU! WHATEVER YOU ARE! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU!
WANNNN-UNNNNN-GUUUUU-
IT'S RUNNING INTO THAT CHURCH! HMMM-
INSIDE...
NOW WHERE DID IT GET TO? BUT WAIT A MINUTE, HERE ARE FOOTPRINTS IN THE DUST! GOT TO BE HERE SOMEPLACE!

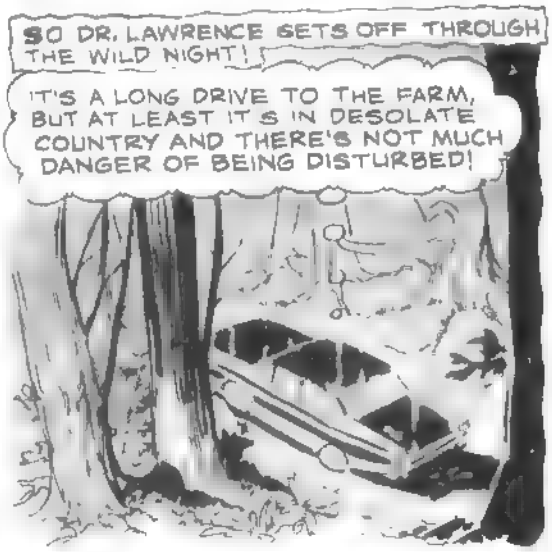
AFTER A MOMENT OF LISTENING, HE SPLASHES THE LIGHT OVER THE INTERIOR OF THE ROTTING CHAPEL:
THIS PLACE ISN'T EXACTLY A NERVE TONIC! BUT THAT THING SEEMS TO BE MORE AFRAID OF ME THAN I AM OF IT!
THEN, FROM OVERHEAD, THE GHOSTLY ECHOES OF A BELL...
THE CLOCK TOWER! IT MUST BE UP THERE! GOT TANGLED IN THE MECHANISM OR SOMETHING!
BONG
CAREFULLY HE ENTERS THE FETID STENCH OF THE BELL TOWER, HIS NOSE WRINKLING IN DISGUST AT THE ODOR THAT ASSAILS IT...
STEALTHILY HE GOES UP THE STEPS...
GOT TO BE CAREFUL NOW! THIS THING COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS IF IT'S CORNERED! BUT I'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT!
UGH - THAT SMELL! THIS IS WHERE THE THING LIVES, SURE ENOUGH!
THE LIGHT FALLS SQUARELY ON THE DROOLING HORROR, BENT FORWARD LIKE AN APE...
UHHHH-GUUUUU-YUUOOO-
UHH - IT ISN'T HUMAN THAT'S FOR SURE! BUT IT DOES SEEM TO BE TRYING TO TALK!
WITH A SCREAM OF RAGE, THE THING RUSHES AT THE MAN, ITS EYES INFLAMED WITH HATE...
ARGGG-AGRRRRR!!!
YAAAAA- G-GOING TO ATTACK ME! THOSE F-FANGS WILL TEAR ME TO PIECES!

LASHING OUT FURIOUSLY IN SELF-DEFENSE, TED LAWRENCE FINDS TO HIS SURPRISE THAT HE IS MUCH STRONGER OF THE TWO...
INCREDIBLE, IT'S WEAK! SO WEAK IT CAN HARDLY STAND UP! HA-HA-IT WANTS TO HURT ME, BUT IT HASN'T GOT THE STRENGTH!
UHHHH-UNNGGG-
YES, THE POOR DEVIL ACTS AS THOUGH IT HAS BEEN STARVING TO DEATH! BUT HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE FOR A GHOUL — IN A GRAVEYARD?
OWWWWW-
THE GHOUL COLLAPSES...
IT MUST HAVE PASSED OUT FROM HUNGER! AND THAT MEANS THAT IT ISN'T A TRUE GHOUL AFTER ALL!
THERE-THAT SHOULD HOLD IT UNTIL I GET THE CAR I RENTED! WAIT-IT'S COMING TO!
GUUUHH-UHHIHUHUH-GAAANNN-
UHHHHHH-
TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING, ARE YOU? I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A THING YOU SAY!
BUT I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT YOU'RE HUNGRY! WELL IF YOU'RE A GOOD BOY, I MIGHT FEED YOU! EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT A GHOUL — YOU'RE WEIRD LOOKING!
UNNGAAHHH-
I'LL GET THE CAR NOW AND LOAD YOU IN THE BACK! THEN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A NICE LONG DRIVE TO A SPOT WHERE I CAN STUDY YOU!
WRRRRRR-GAAAUUUU-

SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS HE RETURNS WITH THE CAR...
WHAT A BREAK! IF I CAN ONLY KEEP THE THING ALIVE, I CAN DO A BOOK ON GHOULISM THAT WILL SET THE SCIENTIFIC WORLD ON ITS EAR!

YES, MY BEAUTY! YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE THE MONKEY MAN OF JAVA, AND THE SNOW BEAST OF TIBET LOOK LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A COMIC BOOK! YOU'RE MY KEY TO FAME!

QUICKLY HE LOADS THE DROOLING SUB-HUMAN THING INTO THE TRUNK OF THE CAR...
A GOOD THING I RENTED THAT FARMHOUSE IN THE HILLS ALONG TIME AGO, WHEN I WAS STUDYING APES! THE CAGES WILL COME IN HANDY!


SO DR. LAWRENCE GETS OFF THROUGH THE WILD NIGHT!
IT'S A LONG DRIVE TO THE FARM, BUT AT LEAST IT'S IN DESOLATE COUNTRY AND THERE'S NOT MUCH DANGER OF BEING DISTURBED!

FINALLY, HE REACHES THE FARMHOUSE MILES FROM ANY OTHER HABITATION...
HERE AT LAST! NOW TO GET THIS CREATURE INTO THE HOUSE! SO FAR IT HASN'T GIVEN ME ANY TROUBLE, AND I HOPE IT DOESN'T START NOW...

IN YOU GO, FRIEND, AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU GET FED! THEN I'M GOING TO FIND OUT EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU! MAYBE WE CAN EVEN WORK OUT SOME SORT OF A MUTUAL LANGUAGE!
GUUUUUUU?

BUT JUST AS HE IS ABOUT TO PUSH THE GHOUL INTO THE CAGE, SOMETHING HAPPENS...
ALL RIGHT NOW, IN- AHHHHH- M-MY HEAD! SPINNING! I FEEL SO...

HE KNOWS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HIM.
MY EPILEPSY! I-I'M HAVING ANOTHER SEIZURE! OH, NO- I M-MUSTN'T! NOT NOW! I- UHHHHHHHHH-
URRRRR-

AND DR. LAWRENCE GOES REELING DOWN INTO A BOTTOMLESS POOL OF DARKNESS! HIS LIPS FLECKED BY FOAM, HIS LIMBS TWITCHING IN THE AGONY OF THE EPILEPTIC FIT! AND THE GHOUL BEGINS TO MOVE TOWARD HIM...
UHHAAA?

THE MAN IS UNCONSCIOUS- BUT FINALLY HIS BRAIN BEGINS TO FUNCTION AGAIN! THEN...
OHHH-SO WEAK! W-WHAT? I'M IN THE CAGE!
GURRR- ARRGUU-
YAAAAAA-I'M IN THE CAGE AND IT-IT'S LAUGHING AT ME! AND I'M SO WEAK, SO TERRIBLY WEAK! BUT NOW I WONDER WHAT IT WILL DO TO ME?

IT-IT SEEMS MORE INTELIGENT NOW! SMARTER THAN IT WAS! ALMOST AS THOUGH NOW IT IS GOING TO STUDY ME! YES-THAT'S IT! I'M IN ITS POWER!
AAAHHHHHH-
GUNNN- AHHHHH- (DROOL) GAAAA- (CHUCKLE) AHHHHH-

AND, AS THE GLOATING FACE OF THE THING CAME CLOSER, ALL DR. LAWRENCE COULD DO WAS TO SCREAM- AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN...
THE END

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DUKE LUDWIG WAS A DEMON AND A TYRANT! LET ME TELL YOU THE STORY SO YOU CAN JUDGE FOR YOURSELF!

"WHEN LUDWIG REACHED MANHOOD, HE WAS CONSUMED WITH HATRED AGAINST HIS FATHER...

LOOK AT ME! SHUT IN THE CASTLE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD BECAUSE OF MY CURSED MALADY! MY FATHER IS TO BLAME AND I WILL HAVE REVENGE!!

"NOT LONG AFTER, LUDWIG'S HATRED LED HIM TO PATRICIDE!"
AT LAST! MY HATRED IS FULFILLED!!
"THEN LUDWIG'S MIND CAME INTO INSANE NOTIONS..."
MY OWN SON MUST BE ACCURSED WITH THE HOHENSTAUFEN MALADY WHICH BEFELL UPON ME! I CANNOT STAND TO SEE HIM LIVE UNDER THIS BLACK, BROODING PLAGUE!
"LUDWIG SNUFFED OUT THE LIFE OF HIS ONLY SON..."
NAY! DO NOT KILL ME!
YES! THIS ENDS IT... FOREVER!

AH, I SEE YOU EMBROIDER MY TAPESTRY, AUNT GERTA!
YES, LUDWIG AND A TRUE PICTURE OF YOU! SON-SLAYER, BLOOD-SOAKED TYRANT! YOU ARE VERMIN! AND SO SHALL I WEAVE YOUR HISTORY!
"WHEN THE TAPESTRY WAS COMPLETED, LUDWIG LAY ON HIS DEATH BED..."
FAITHFUL RETAINERS! THESE ARE MY LAST WISHES. BURY ME IN YON COFFIN IN THE SECRET PLACE! WRAP MY BODY IN THIS TAPESTRY SO IT NEVER SEES THE LIGHT OF DAY!
YES, SIRE!

A STRANGE STORY, ULRICH! BUT WHAT WAS HIS DISEASE? WHERE DOES HE LIE BURIED?
I DO NOT KNOW OF WHAT DISEASE HE DIED, BUT, HE'S BURIED SOMEWHERE IN OR NEAR THE CASTLE AND GOOD RIDDANCE!
THE NEXT DAY INSIDE THE CASTLE...
... IT'S UNUSUAL... EVERY OPENING IS DRAPED SO THAT NO SUNLIGHT CAN ENTER!
I NOTICED THAT, TOO!

THE SEARCHERS ENTER A DARK CHAMBER...
IT'S HORRIBLE! THOSE MEN MUST HAVE DIED IN THEIR CHAINS!
THIS PROVES THAT LUDWIG WAS A FIEND!
LOOK! TORTURE INSTRUMENTS! AN "IRON MAIDEN"... THUMB SCREWS... IRON BOOTS... WRACKS! LUDWIG'S PASSION FOR CRUELTY MAKES ULRICH'S STORY RING TRUE!
STEVE, BRAD, TAKE JESSICA OUTSIDE AND LOOK FOR A BURIAL VAULT! I'LL PROBE AROUND HERE!
DON'T BE TOO LONG, ROBERT!
I'LL TRY CUTTING INTO THIS FLAGSTONE FLOOR YEOW! THE STONE IS SHARP! A CHIP CUT INTO MY WRIST... BETTER TEND TO IT! I'M LOSING A LOT OF BLOOD!
ROBERT'S FRESHLY DRAWN BLOOD SEEPED BETWEEN THE FLAGSTONES...
THE ANCIENT STONES WERE HURLED ASIDE, AND FROM HIS CENTURIES-OLD TOMB AROSE LUDWIG, THE TERRIBLE... LAST OF THE HOHENSTAUFENS!
WHO DARES ROUSE ME FROM MY GRAVE?
AM I RESTORED TO SEE MY CASTLE LOOTED? MY PRECIOUS TAPESTRIES GONE? AND THEN THE NOBLE NAME OF HOHENSTAUFEN FLUNG INTO THE DUST? I WILL CLAIM A LIFE FOR EACH TAPESTRY, AND THE LAST TAPESTRY, MY OWN, WILL NEVER BE FOUND!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, WHEN ROBERT RETURNED...
THAT'S ODD! I NEVER FORCED UP THAT MANY STONES BEFORE I CUT MYSELF!
YOU MUST HAVE! NO ONE ELSE WAS HERE! PERHAPS YOU FORGOT!
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR MY ADDLED BRAIN TODAY! BESIDES, IT'S GETTING TOO DARK TO WORK!
LET'S CALL IT A DAY! BESIDES THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW!
That NIGHT, LUDWIG STARTED HIS VENDETTA ON THE OUTSKIRTS!
WILHELM! A VAMPIRE IS RUSHING TOWARD US!
ARRR... YOU PEASANTS WILL PAY WITH YOUR BLOOD!
MY THROAT BURNS IN ANTICIPATION! THE ANCIENT CURSE WILL SOON BE SATED WHEN I DRINK BLOOD!
The NEXT MORNING THE TOWN WAS AWAKENED BY..
HELP! HELP! WAKE UP! MURDER HAS BEEN COMMITED! MURDER!
MURDER? IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS TOWN!
SOON AFTER, IN NIGHTINGALE LANE...
WHAT CAUSED THESE AWFUL DEATHS, DOCTOR?
SOMEONE... OR "SOMETHING" STRANGLED THEM! I MUST INVESTIGATE FURTHER IN TOWN!
ANOTHER DAY OF FRUITLESS SEARCH IN THE CASTLE...
I'M SURE THAT TAPESTRY IS IN THE CASTLE, AND I WON'T LEAVE UNTIL I FIND IT!
IT'LL TURN UP!

LATER...
THE DOCTOR WANTS TO SEE YOU IN TOWN RIGHT AWAY, HERR TELEMAN! HE HAS FRIGHTFUL NEWS!
OKAY! I'LL HEAD RIGHT FOR TOWN! STEVE, YOU HELP ULRICH HOME!
BUT AS STEVE GUIDED ULRICH...
I DO NOT LIKE TO BE IN THESE HILLS WHEN IT IS DARK! IT IS TOO NEAR THE CASTLE!
TWO MORE VICTIMS TO REVENGE THE HOHENSTAUFEN NAME!
ACH! WHAT IS THIS? AIEEE! A FIEND HAS SET UPON US!
MY STOLEN TAPESTRIES WILL BE PAID FOR IN BLOOD!
AND NOW MY THIRST RISES! I MUST DRINK DEEP TO STILL THE CRAVING OF MY MALADY!
AN UNSEEN SHEEPHERDER WITNESS RACED INTO TOWN TO REPORT THE HORRIBLE INCIDENT...
I-I SAW ULRICH! HE... ACH! I CANNOT DESCRIBE IT...
ULRICH? I LEFT HIM WITH STEVE! WHAT DID YOU SEE?
AN ARMED GROUP FOLLOWED THE QUAKING SHEPHERD...
IT WAS RIGHT HERE! A BLACK DEMON TORE THE LANTERNS OUT OF THEIR HANDS! IT WAS SHOUTING ABOUT STOLEN TAPESTRIES... AND THEN...
COME, WE WILL SEE FOR OURSELVES!
IT IS AS I SUSPECTED! NOTHING BUT A VAMPIRE COULD KILL LIKE THIS AND BLEED HIS VICTIMS DRY!
VAMPIRE?

IN TOWN, A DELEGATION VISITS THE TELEMANS...
I MUST ORDER YOU TO GIVE UP THIS SEARCH! YOU HAVE ROUSED THE HOHENSTAUFEN VAMPIRE!
LOOK, I CAME 7,000 MILES JUST TO FIND THAT TAPESTRY! AND NO VAMPIRE IS GOING TO STOP ME!
LATER, OUTSIDE THE CASTLE...
ROBERT... PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
I WILL, BUT I THINK THIS VAMPIRE BUSINESS IS JUST NONSENSE!
THEN... IN THE CASTLE...
LOOK! A COMPLETE SUIT OF ARMOR! I'M GOING TO TRY IT ON FOR SIZE!
GREAT!
SINCE YOU'RE SO BUSY PLAYING "WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER", I'M GOING EXPLORING!
JESSICA... KEEP WITHIN CALLING DISTANCE!
LATER..
MAYBE THE TAPESTRY IS IN THIS CHEST! I DON'T THINK ROBERT HAS BEEN IN THIS ROOM...
YOU HAVE DISCOVERED MY HIDING PLACE! I AM LUDWIG, THE LAST HOHENSTAUFEN!
H-HELP!
KEEP AWAY... OH-HH.. I SLIPPED! I'M FALLING!
... THAT LIGHT! I CANNOT GO NEAR IT!

JESSICA'S SCREAMS ALERTED ROBERT.
JESSICA'S IN DANGER, BRAD! CHECK OUTSIDE! I'M GOING UPSTAIRS!
AS ROBERT CLANGED INTO LUDWIG'S SLEEPING CHAMBER..
MY OWN SON! IT IS HIS ARMOR! FORGIVE ME! I KILLED YOU TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS VAMPIRE AFFLICTION!
WHERE'S JESSICA? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
THE LIGHT! DON'T OPEN THE DRAPE! YAHH-H! I AM UNDONE!
GOOD LORD! HE'S DECOMPOSING BEFORE MY EYES! THIS WAS LUDWIG, THE VAMPIRE!
AND FROM THE TOWER WINDOW, ROBERT SAW JESSICA WAS SAFE..
I LANDED IN THE MOAT... I'M OKAY, ROBERT!
THAT'S A RELIEF! ...IT'S ALL OVER! THE VAMPIRE... COME UP HERE!
LUDWIG DISAPPEARED WHEN I TORE OPEN THE DRAPE AND LET SUNLIGHT IN! I FOUND A PILE OF DUST IN THIS CHEST.. HIS REMAINS!
LOOK! THE TAPESTRY! NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND IT! LUDWIG HAD IT BURIED WITH HIM!
BRRR! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
WEEKS LATER IN THE MEDIEVAL HALL OF THE CHICAGO MUSEUM...
THAT'S WHY LUDWIG HID THE TAPESTRY FROM THE WORLD! HE DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW HE WAS A VAMPIRE!
AT LEAST HE WILL NEVER WALK THE EARTH AGAIN!
THE END
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THE LIVING DEAD....

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE ON EARTH JOHN BLAINE FEARED DEATH! WHEN THE SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE WAS REVEALED TO HIM — HE MURDERED TO RETAIN IT ONLY TO LEARN THAT THERE IS A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH!

DEATH HEAR MY PLEA... TAKE ME! PLEASE TAKE ME!

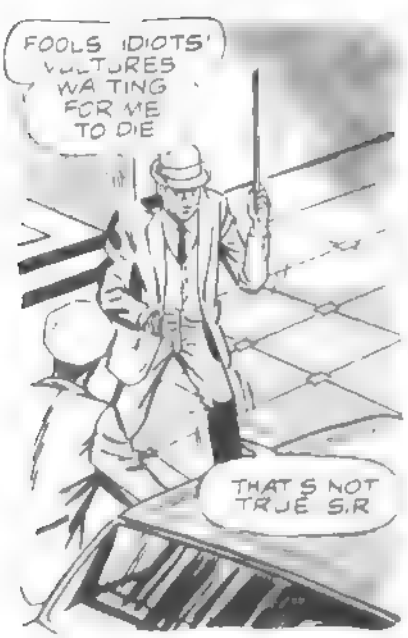
JOHN BLAINE WAS A WEALTHY CORPORATE HEAD... BUT GOLD COULD NOT BUY THE ONE THING HE WANTED MOST. LIFE!

BRODY DIED LAST NIGHT! JOHN WERE THE LAST SURVIVORS OF THE OLD CROWD! SOON WE'LL BE GONE!

SHUT UP! DON'T REMIND ME OF MY AGE!

WHAT IN-- JOHN... FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE STOP!

I'M NOT GOING TO DIE I TELL YOU I'M NOT!


FOOLS IDIOTS! VULTURES WAITING FOR ME TO DIE
THAT'S NOT TRUE SIR

YOU ARE WELL PRESERVED FOR YOUR AGE, SIR!
MY AGE? YOU STUPID IDIOT...YOU'RE FIRED!

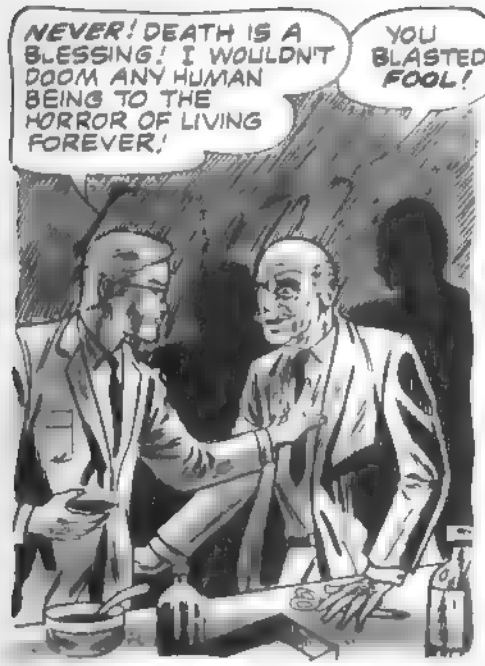
MY AGE! IF I HEAR ANY MORE ABOUT... WHAT'S THIS?
A PRESENT FROM THE STAFF, SIR ON YOUR 70TH BIRTHDAY

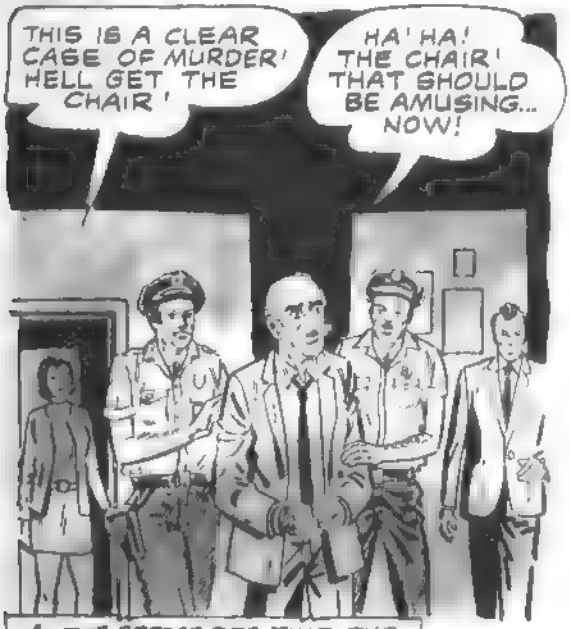
DUCK! HE'S THROWING THINGS AGAIN!
I DON'T HAVE BIRTHDAYS! GET OUT OF HERE, YOU...YOU MORONS!
HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, REED? I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON THAT CELL-DECAY RESEARCH!
I WAS SIR. I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME BACK TO THE LAB WITH ME. I'D LIKE YOU TO WITNESS SOMETHING

REED, YOU'RE MAD! DID YOU BRING ME HERE TO WATCH YOU BURN TRASH? I OUGHT TO FIRE YOU...
I WANTED YOU TO SEE ME DESTROY THE NOTES ON AN EXPERIMENT!

I STUMBLED ONTO THE SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE. A FEW DROPS OF THIS LIQUID WILL PRESERVE A HUMAN FOREVER!
ETERNAL LIFE? GIVE IT TO ME! GIVE IT TO ME THIS INSTANT!





The TRIAL WAS SWIFT AND JOHN BLAINE WAS EXAMINED, FOUND SANE, AND CONVICTED!

The WIRES WERE CHECKED AGAIN THE MASSIVE VOLTAGE CRASHED THROUGH JOHN'S BODY...
WE'VE GIVEN HIM ENOUGH TO KILL AN ARMY AND HE JUST SITS THERE GRINNING!
TAKE HIM BACK TO THE DEATH CELL! GET THE GOVERNOR!
At THE EXECUTIVE MANSION...
THE PUBLIC MUSTN'T HEAR OF THIS! IT WOULD START A PANIC! PUT HIM IN SOME PRIVATE ASYLUM UNTIL WE CAN REACH A DECISION!
WATCH HIM CAREFULLY!
WHAT IS A FEW YEARS OF CONFINEMENT NOW? HA! I HAVE AN ETERNITY OF LIFE AHEAD!
I'LL NEED SOME THINGS, DOCTOR! SINCE I'M VERY WEALTHY, YOU CAN CHARGE THEM TO MY ACCOUNT!
WEALTHY? OH, NO...
OFFICIALLY YOU DIED IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.. YOUR ESTATE NO LONGER BELONGS TO YOU! YOU HAVE NOTHING!
EEYAHH! THEY CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'M RICH...RICH!
AW, WHAT'S THE USE... AND BESIDES I'VE AN ETERNITY TO RECOVER MY LOSSES! NO ONE CAN HARM ME... I'LL BE RICH...AND EVENTUALLY FREE!
WITH NOTHING TO LOSE, JOHN SETS HIS TRAP...
FOOLS! WHY SHOULD I SUBMIT TO LAWS? NOTHING CAN HARM ME!
AAGHH

GET OUT OF MY WAY! NOBODY CAN STOP ME NOW!

I NEED MONEY FOR CLOTHING AND FOOD... AND A PLACE TO STAY! WHY NOT TAKE IT? GUNS CAN'T STOP ME!

I'LL TAKE THAT! AND DON'T WASTE BULLETS ON ME!
HEY...! IT'S A HOLD UP!
I'LL GET HIM!
BANG

RIGHT THROUGH THE HEART, TOM!

YOU DROPPED YOUR GUN! SECONDLY, YOUR BULLET HURT... AND I DON'T LIKE BEING HURT!
ARRGGH!
BANG BANG

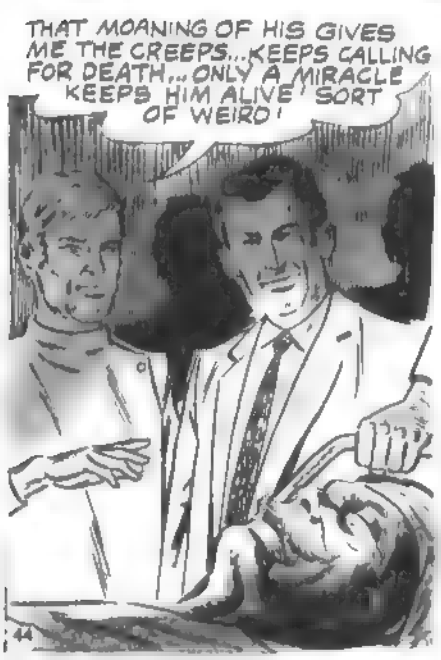
IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL STAND QUIETLY UNTIL I'M GONE!
LOOK OUT!

THAT CAR SLAMMED INTO HIM!
I TRIED TO WARN HIM!

I COULDN'T HELP IT! HE RAN RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I SAW HIM! BUT YOU WERE GOING AT LEAST FIFTY!

IS HE DEAD?
HE SHOULD BE, THE WAY HE'S SMASHED UP... BUT HE ISN'T!

DOC, MY PAPER WANTS A STORY! HOW COULD HE STILL BE ALIVE AFTER AN ACCIDENT LIKE THAT?
WE DON'T KNOW! WE'VE AMPUTATED BOTH HIS ARMS AND LEGS AND HIS SKULL 'S CRUSHED! BUT HE'S STILL ALIVE! AMAZING!


THAT MOANING OF HIS GIVES ME THE CREEPS...KEEPS CALLING FOR DEATH...ONLY A MIRACLE KEEPS HIM ALIVE! SORT OF WEIRD!

I'M BLIND! I'M NOTHING! DEATH, HEAR MY PLEA! TAKE ME!
SORRY JOHN! YOU SPURNED ME BEFORE! PERHAPS SOMEDAY I MAY CHANGE MY MIND AND CALL YOU..

BUT THERE'S NO HURRY! I HAVE THE REST OF ETERNITY TO DECIDE!
THE END

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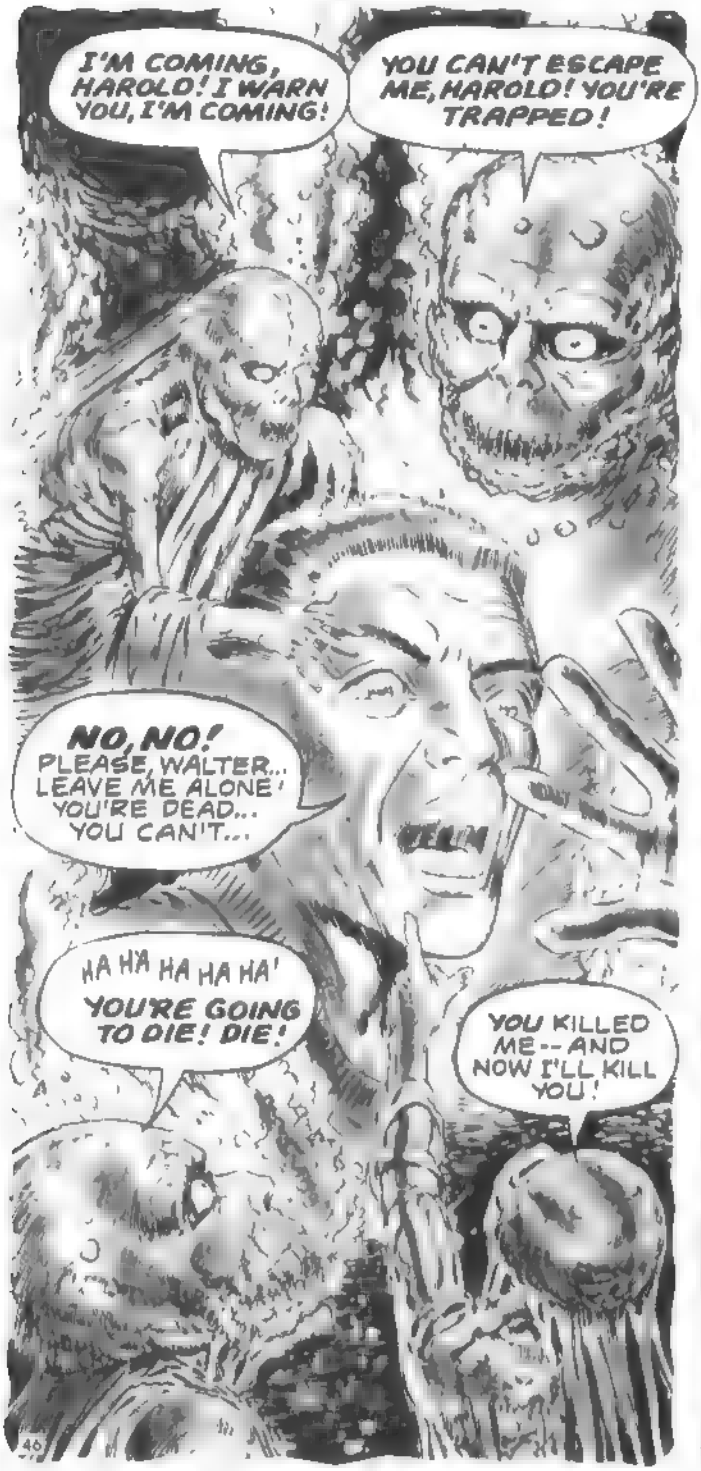


YOU MAKE YOUR WAY INTO THE HOLD OF THE VESSEL...

NO SENSE WASTING MUCH TIME LOOKING FOR...

HEY, HAROLD! LOOK...A CHEST!

YOU BOTH GLIDE SLOWLY TO THE ANCIENT SEA CHEST... AND AS YOUR FINGERS GRIP ITS SLIMY LID, YOU FEEL YOUR HEART START TO POUND...

GOOD GRIEF, WALTER, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE.

I DON'T KNOW... BUT FOR PETE'S SAKE, OPEN IT! OPEN IT!

TREMBLING, YOU SHOVE BACK THE HEAVY LID... AND THERE, BEFORE YOUR EYES IS A FORTUNE IN GEMS!

HOLY COW!

YIPES! LOOK AT 'EM!

THE FORTUNE OF MIDAS IS AT YOUR FEET, ISN'T IT, HAROLD? YOU FEEL LIKE LAUGHING, DANCING... BUT THEN WALTER'S VOICE BREAKS THROUGH YOU...

THE OLD MAN PROMISED US A BONUS IF WE FOUND IT! THIS OUGHTA BE WORTH AT LEAST A THOUSAND APIECE!

YES, HAROLD... ALL YOU'RE GOING TO GET IS A LOUSY LITTLE BONUS!

A THOUSAND BUCKS! WHAT'S THAT? THIS STUFF IS WORTH AT LEAST TWO MILLION! USE YOUR HEAD, WALT!

WHAT'TA YOU MEAN?

WE CAN KEEP ALL OF THIS FOR OURSELVES! THE OLD MAN DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WE FOUND THE STUFF!

HEY! YOU'RE RIGHT, HAROLD!

And SO, AS YOU'RE PULLED TO THE SURFACE YOU LAY YOUR PLAN...

WE'LL TELL HIM THE CHEST WAS THERE... BUT EMPTY! THAT SOMEBODY BEAT HIM TO IT!

YEAH, THEN WE'LL WAIT A MONTH OR SO... AND DIVE AT NIGHT FOR THE JEWELS!

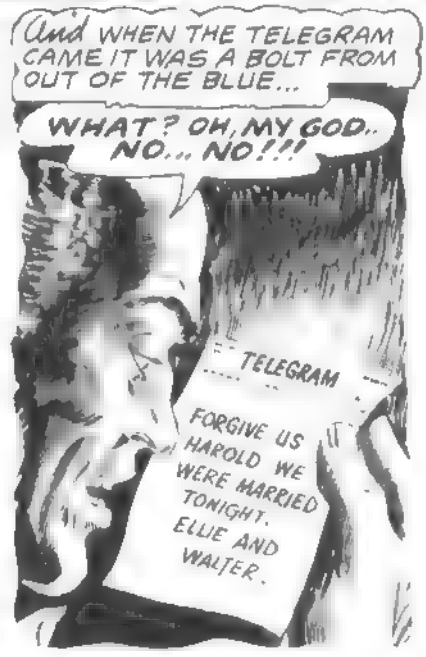
OLD JACOBY HOWARD IS DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE HEARS THE NEWS! HE SUNK HIS LAST DIME INTO THIS VENTURE.. AND NOW...
EMPTY? IT--IT WAS THERE-- EMPTY?
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. HOWARD! CLEANED OUT! TOUGH LUCK, SIR!

AS YOU PREPARE TO GO HOME...
BY THE WAY, WALT... YOU BETTER NOT MENTION ANY OF THIS TO ELLIE! YOU KNOW HOW WOMEN ARE PRONE TO TALK!
GOOD IDEA! HAROLD, I WON'T SAY A WORD!

ELLIE IS WALTER'S WIFE... BUT YOU CAN'T GET USED TO THE IDEA ELLIE WAS YOUR GIRL ONCE! REMEMBER, HAROLD??
HAPPY ENGAGEMENT, DARLING! AND WITHIN A YEAR IT'LL BE HAPPY WEDDING!
OH, YES, HAROLD, YES!

BUT THAT WAS BEFORE SHE MET WALTER! HE HAD BEEN WORKING IN SOUTH AMERICA AND THEY MET A FEW MONTHS AFTER YOUR ENGAGEMENT PARTY...
I TOLD YOU, YOU'D LIKE HIM, ELLIE! GREAT GUY, ISN'T HE? MY BEST FRIEND!
HE'S WONDERFUL, HAROLD!
HEY, CUT IT OUT! YOU TWO ARE EMBARRASSING ME!

And WHEN ELLIE GREW COLDER TO YOU, YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE REASON, DID YOU, HAROLD? YOU WERE BLIND AS ONLY A MAN IN LOVE CAN BE...
ELLIE, WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'VE BEEN ACTING SO FUNNY LATELY!
ER... I'VE GOT A COLD AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO CATCH IT!


And WHEN THE TELEGRAM CAME IT WAS A BOLT FROM OUT OF THE BLUE...
WHAT? OH, MY GOD.. NO... NO!!!
TELEGRAM
FORGIVE US HAROLD WE WERE MARRIED TONIGHT. ELLIE AND WALTER.

BUT THAT WAS OVER TWO YEARS AGO... NOW WHEN YOU HAVE DINNER WITH WALTER AND ELLIE, YOU TRY TO MASK YOUR FEELINGS OF RESENTMENT AND BETRAYAL!
THIS GAL SURE CAN COOK, EH, HAROLD?
YEAH SHE'S A FINE COOK! SWELL!

YOU WATCH THE LAUGHING PAIR AND FORMULATE A VINDICTIVE, REVENGEFUL PLAN...

WE'LL BE OUT IN A MINUTE, HAROLD!

TAKE YOUR TIME, BOY!

WHY NOT? I CAN WORK IT OUT TO THE **VAST** DETAIL! PLAN IT **PERFECTLY!**

LATER, WHEN YOU LEAVE...

REMEMBER, WALT... NOT A WORD TO ELLIE! AND YOU'D BETTER GET SOME **EXCUSES** READY FOR WHEN YOU HAVE TO BE GONE NIGHTS!

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, FOR WHEN WE GO **DIVING!** OKAY, I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!

IT'S A MONTH LATER AND NOW YOU AND WALTER ARE COMPLETING YOUR FIFTH TRIP DOWN TO THE TREASURE...

THAT'S ABOUT **HALF!** FIVE OR SIX MORE NIGHTS AND WE'LL BE FINISHED!

BOY, I SURE HOPE SO! ELLIE'S BEGINNING TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS!

YOU AND WALTER ALTERNATE DIVING AND ON THE ELEVENTH NIGHT, WALTER MAKES THE LAST TRIP...

OKAY, BOY, THIS IS IT! I'M AT THE SHIP AND GETTING ALL THE REST OF THE STUFF!

FINE, WALTER, FINE! AND YOU'RE RIGHT... **THIS IS IT!**

YOU SLASH THROUGH WALTER'S LIFE GIVING AIR HOSE...

SO LONG, OLD PAL! TCH... TCH... A **PITY** TO HAVE TO GIVE UP THAT LAST LOAD, BUT NO SENSE BEING A **PIG!**

And BELOW, AS HIS AIR SUPPLY QUICKLY DWINDLES...

HAROLD! M-MY AIR IS GETTING THIN! CHECK THE LINE! QUICK!

SOMETHING'S WRONG, HAROLD! PULL ME UP! PULL ME UP!!

NOTHING'S WRONG, WALT! HA! HA! I JUST CUT YOUR LINE!

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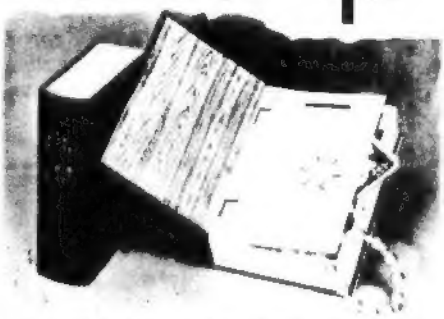

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WALTER! (CHOKE) GLUBB...
YOU'RE BEING WRENCHED DOWNWARD...YOU CAN'T BREATHE AND WALTER IS LAUGHING IN YOUR FACE!
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